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 skering and throwing fantastic
 erywhere in the room. For a
 intruders paused, and in that
 young Flesch did not even turn his
 Then Policeman Leveder asked:
 "What has happened?"
 "Send for a doctor! Send for a doctor!
 Quick!" cried the young man, without
 looking up. One of the policemen ran
 downstairs and telephoned to the Harlem
 Hospital for an ambulance. The other re-
 mained in the room and asked questions.
 All a Mystery.
 "How did this happen?"
 The young man looked up, but made no
 answer.
 "Whose gun is this?" then asked the po-
 liceman, picking up the revolver.
 "Don't know," replied the young man.
 "I never saw it before."
 Then, after a pause: "He's my father."
 The wounded man groaned, and, after
 several painful gasps, murmured: "I've
 been thirty-five years in this country, and
 I never thought anything like this would
 happen to me."
 "What is your name?"
 "Arnold Flesch," replied the father.
 "And yours?" turning to the son. The
 young man did not answer.
 Mr. Flesch then spoke to his son in Ger-
 man, and no one else in the room under-
 stood what he said. The son replied in
 the same tongue.
 "Let me be with my father," he then
 said to the policeman, and turning toward
 his father, went on speaking in German,
 without heeding the presence of the police-
 man and the clerk.
 It did not take long for the ambulance
 to arrive, and a hasty examination con-
 sidering that Mr. Flesch's
 wounds, were not neces-
 sary to time, therefore,
 an ambulance, and
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 ing at Harlem Hos-
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 of Mr. Flesch's wounds.

seemed, at first, to indicate that he could
 not possibly have inflicted them himself.
 The most and, in fact, the only serious
 wound was where the bullet had passed
 through the left lung, an in or so above
 the heart. This wound he might easily
 have inflicted himself.
 With the other wounds it was different.
 One was in the left forearm on a line with
 the palm of his hand and a few inches
 from the elbow.
 The other was in his right forearm,
 three inches above the palm of his hand.
 The bullet that penetrated the lung was
 imbedded in his back, and was soon re-
 moved. Another bullet was found in his
 left arm. The third had passed through
 the flesh, and has not yet been found.
 The fourth bullet, as the police afterward
 learned, had struck the wall and fallen
 to the floor under the bed, where it was
 subsequently found.
Theory for Wild Shooting.
 After learning all these details the police
 were inclined to the belief that Mr. Flesch
 had been shot by a second person, pre-
 sumably his son. But when they heard
 of the friendly relations that had always
 existed between father and son, and when
 they failed to find a motive for murderous
 assault, they began to entertain the theory
 that if the father had attempted to take
 his own life and had awakened his son
 with the first shot, the young man, by
 seizing the revolver and grappling with
 his father, might have caused him to in-
 flict those other two shots upon himself.
 This would in a way explain the wild
 shooting that evidently took place in that
 room, and would also account for the
 fourth bullet that went so wide of its
 mark.
 But here are the two drawbacks to this
 theory:
 The only statement the young man has
 made since his arrest was that he was
 awakened by an awful noise in the room,
 and, finding his father bleeding. More than
 that he would not say. Then the revolver,
 which is hammerless, is so devised that
 a firm grip upon the handle is neces-
 sary before a cartridge can be exploded.

HENRY GEORGE'S VIEWS.

He Writes of the Present Political Situation in Illinois.

The Cities, He Believes, Are Mainly Republican, While the Farmers Make a Strong Showing for Bryan.

Railroad Officials Make a Change in Their Tactics Toward Their Employes—Moral Suasion Now Being Used.

By Henry George.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—I saw a great gathering of farmers from the surrounding country at Champaign, in Eastern Central Illinois, yesterday, where Governor Altgeld made a speech in the afternoon, and ex-Congressman Plithian and others in the evening. The little town was filled—the largest meeting, the people said, that they had known—and there was a parade of horsemen and much evidence of enthusiasm. The meeting that was held in the square was kept up till late at night.
 Altgeld is certainly very popular in Illinois, where his reputation among the masses is that of a square, courageous and patriotic man. He is a strong speaker,

There is certainly a very large Republican silver strength that will this year be cast for Bryan. In Champaign itself the estimate I got was of 100 Republicans who would vote this year for Bryan to twenty-five Democrats who would vote against him.

In Aurora there are said to be 800 Republicans enrolled in silver clubs, and such canvassing made through the State renders the Democrats confident that the country will be with them, the only point of doubt, in their minds, seeming to be the city of Chicago, because of a fear of the immense amount of money they expect to be used in the campaign, and their own weakness in this respect.

Employes Not for McKinley.

The great railroad men's excursion to Canton left to-night, and one hears a good many stories which go to show that, however much they may indicate the strong desire of the railroad companies for McKinley's election, they are far from proving a similar desire on the part of the railroad employes.

However, I found, on talking with some active men from different railroad towns whom I met at the Champaign meeting, a fear that the railroad companies had concluded to change their tactics. They said that the distribution of McKinley buttons and the promotion of McKinley clubs, though not generally resisted, were privately laughed at by the men, who seemed so resent the action. They believed that the result would be to give a greater vote for Bryan than he would have had if the railroad companies had left their men to themselves.

Recently, however, they have begun to find that here and there old Democrats among the railroad men here, coming out

for McKinley and endeavoring to influence their fellows in such a way as to show that they were not merely trying to please their employers, but were really in earnest.

Their explanation of this change, resting, in their minds, on much detailed circumstantial evidence, was that the railroad managers had become conscious that an attempt to get votes by fear was a mistake, and that another policy had been added to it.

Chosen men among the employes here were called in and talked to of the great loss that must fall on the company should the gold, with which the interest on its bonds must be met, go to a premium, and the consequent concern that it had in the defeat of free silver. After it had been found that the men could be approached in that way they had been put in connection with some little fraction of the "Hennacratie" fund.

Some Effective Work.

As the work that the men thus suspected were beginning to do among the railroad workmen and section hands was described to me, I should think it effective, for it consisted in objecting to free silver on the ground that whatever it might do for the farmers it would hurt the railroad companies, and that as its purpose was to raise the prices of all that they themselves had to buy, it would make it harder to live on the little they got—so little that they could not afford to have their hard earned dollar cut down to 53 cents.

For fear that the vote for Bryan might be cut down somewhat below what they had hoped for when the railroad men were sprung, did not think it would affect Altgeld's vote, and, while they seemed to have a general fear of the great use of money in other than the direct purchase of votes, they seemed to have perfect confidence in the Republican accession to the Democratic vote in the agricultural districts and a poor opinion of the ability of the Palmer movement to take from votes that would not otherwise go to McKinley.

Business Men Lean to Gold.

In these Illinois towns, however, everything is not for silver by any means, the business men seeming to lean largely to gold. The towns are Republican, while the farmers are Democratic, and it is noticeable how large is the element in the town population, composed of the owners of farms, who leave farming to tenants; and how largely this rich prairie country is being tilled by the same class whom Americans have hardly yet ceased to commiserate as the "race-ruined peasantry of Ireland."

What we used to think of as the "Independent American farmer" is, in this part of the country, passing away; certainly and more rapidly than did his predecessor of the old country.

The Crane Elevator company has finished the posting of its red tickets and white tickets in a box placed on the desk of the superintendent, with the result of showing to the satisfaction of its president that only 60 of its nearly 1,200 workmen have been touched by the free silver wave, and even a more resolute result was attained by the use of yellow and white cards in the hands of the great gas company. But their mock ballots are a joke among those who have some knowledge of the real feelings of Chicago workmen.

BOY SCORCHER PIERCED.

Carriage Shaft Pierces the Little Wheelman's Body Near the Heart and He May Not Recover.

Fifteen-year-old Elston Feltner, who lives on New street, New Brunswick, N. J., was scorching down Livingston avenue, that city, last evening on his bicycle, when a truck crossed his path. In trying to avoid a collision the boy turned his wheel to the right and ran squarely into a carriage driven by Nelson H. Parker. The point of the carriage shaft penetrated the boy's body, entering near the little fellow's heart. Eye witnesses say that neither the boy nor Mr. Parker was to blame, as both were on the proper side of the road. It is not thought Feltner will live, as he is said to be internally injured.

PROTEST AGAINST PENSIONS.

Germans Object to a Large Roll—A Thousand and Generals on the List.

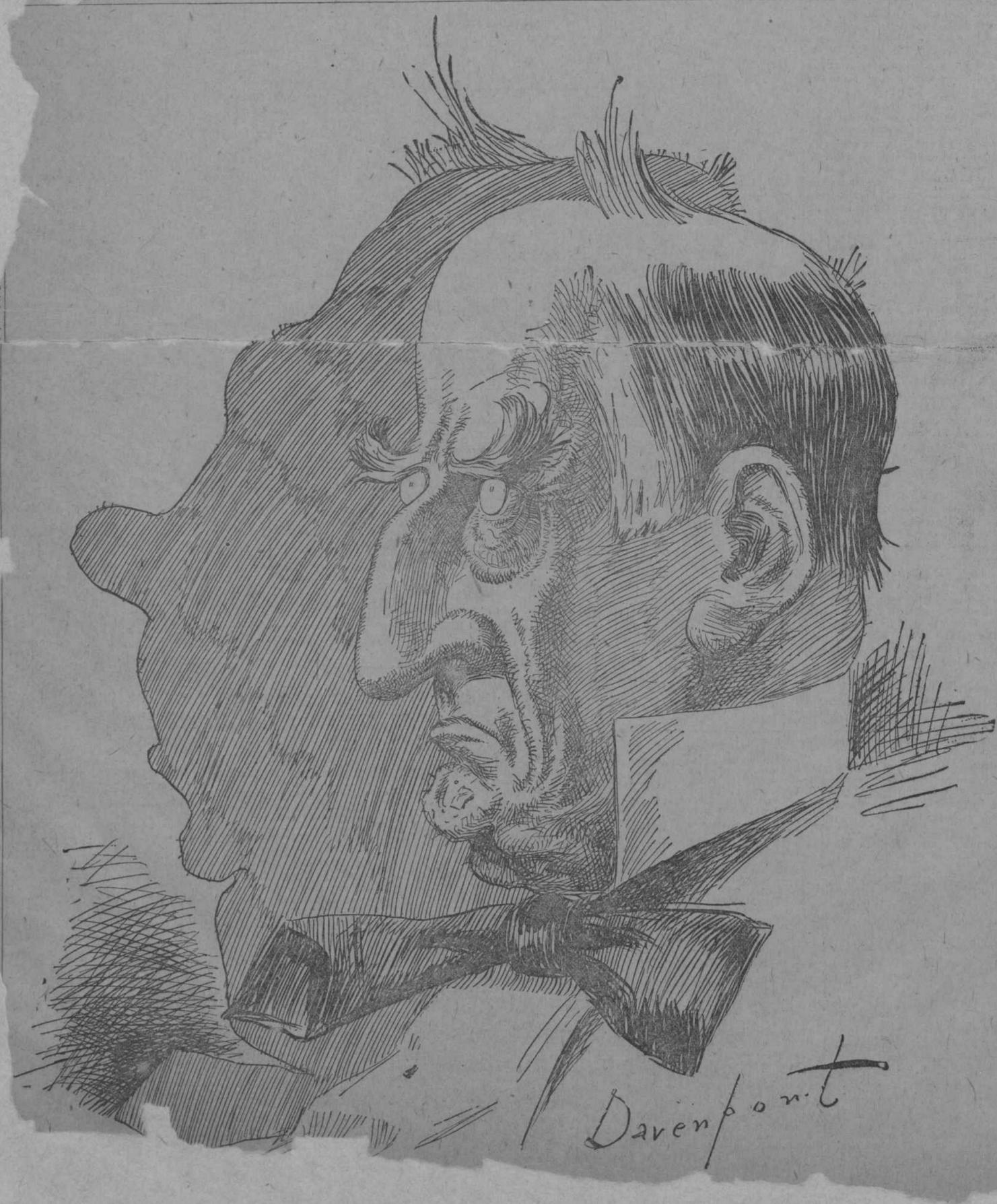
By Henry W. Fischer.

Berlin, Sept. 18.—The National Liberals and South Germans are endeavoring to form a combination with Liberal parties in the next Reichstag to force the War Minister to stop the unjustified pensioning of so many army officers, which has caused a tremendous swelling of the budget.

There are now more officers on the pension list than on the active. Among the pensioners are a thousand generals.

Miles Plays Fine Tennis.

Montrose, N. J., Sept. 18.—George Miles, of the most promising of the local lawn tennis experts, played a sensational match here yesterday afternoon in the semi-final round of the Lawn Tennis Club's championship tournament. Miles was his opponent and he beat him in the second set, but Miles pluckily out the apparently lost match from the although Lyman was twice within a stroke of the set at 5-4. Miles will meet in the final to-morrow. Scores: Miles beat Edward Lyman, 3-6, 7-5. Championship Doubles, preliminary. Miles and Miles beat Baird and Baird, 6-3. Semi-final round—Paret and Scott and Burdick by default.



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